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### DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, and PETITION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD FOR MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

the specification of which (check one)

( ) is attached hereto.

(X) was filed on March 29, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/821,267 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
<u>2000-351913</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>17/11/2000</u>	(X)	( )
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/year filed)		
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing date)	(Status)	(patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And we hereby appoint John T. Johnson, Reg. No. 37,363; John E. Kidd, Reg. No. 19,916; Victor Siber, Reg. No. 25,149; Margaret B. Kelley, Reg. No. 29,181; Philip E. Roux, Reg. No. 31,295; Michael J. Pantuliano, Reg. No. 18,971; Joseph P. Kincart, Reg. No. 43,716; James V. Mahon, Reg. No. 41,966; Joseph Levi, Reg. No. 41,152; Victor J. Geraci, Reg. No. 38,157; C. Joseph Laughon, II, Reg. No. 31,389; Leora Ben-Ami, Reg. No. 32,455; Robert D. Schaffer, Reg. No. 33,775; Michael M. O'Shea, Reg. No. 35,631; Joel N. Bock, Reg. No. 36,456; Gerard P. Norton, Reg. No. 36,621; Frank C. Cimino, Reg. No. 39,945; Nada Jain, Reg. No. 41,431; Frank J. Nuzzi, Reg. No. 42,944; David F. Ries, Reg. No. 43,046; Kevin M. Curran, Reg. No. 43,571; and Matthew J. Antonnelli, Reg. No. P45,973, all of the firm of Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells LLP, 200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166-0153 our attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Wherefore we pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and we hereby subscribe our names to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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